Revenue Commissioner.—The rates are fixed by the Survey Department in consideration of water supply, rainfall, soil, etc. If some specific instances of hardship should be brought to the notice of Government they will be redressed.

Mr. Narasimhachar.—We have brought several glaring instances of this and other difficulties of ryots also to the notice of Government many a time during the past three years and nothing has been done. We have submitted two reports about irrigation.

Dewan.—We shall make a note of the case and see where they are pending. The general principle is accepted and instructions will be given to the Survey Department.

SUBJECT No. 15.

Remissions.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.—Remissions may be given in every case where the holding yields no crop owing to the failure of rains.

Reply of Government.—This is under consideration. The Remission Committee has sent in a long report. It will be considered and final orders passed.

SUBJECT No. 16.

Contribution for the restoration of minor tanks.

Mr. G. Ramappa, Srinivaspur Taluk.

Mr. Ramappa.—A general ruling should be made that the ryots' contribution for restoration of minor tanks may be paid along with kandayam in five annual instalments.

Reply of Government.—Government have no objection to make a general rule to this effect for the next three years.

SUBJECT No. 17.

Abolition of irrigation cess; and annual maintenance of tanks and channels.

Messrs. H. Krishna Rao, Koppa Taluk; and Ramachandrappa, Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Mr. H. Krishna Rao.—Orders may be passed not to collect irrigation cess on wet and garden lands on which crops are raised with the aid of rain water. In tanks and channels under which irrigation cess is collected, maintenance work may be done by Government.

Reply of Government.—This is an old subject. The matter is under consideration and orders will be passed in three months.

SUBJECT No. 18.

Supari cess.

Messrs. K. Chennakesavaiya, Tirthahalli Taluk; and Shama Rao, Shimoga Taluk.

Mr. K. Chennakesavaiya.—The supari cess may be used for finding a market for supari and facilitating its export.

Some of the members suggested the abolition of the cess.

Reply of Government.—Orders have issued sanctioning a deputation for finding markets. Suggestions may be made as to the utilisation of the supari cess for particular purposes. It is not possible to abolish the cess.

SUBJECT No. 19.

Village Improvement Scheme.

Messrs. D. S. Krishna Rao, Nelamangala Taluk; Vembraliah, Rame Gowda, Byregowda, Kolar Taluk; and Gurasiddappa, Jagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rule *re* half-day labour may be passed into law.

Dewan.—The panchayats have the power to require a certain number of days' labour in the year or to levy a contribution instead.